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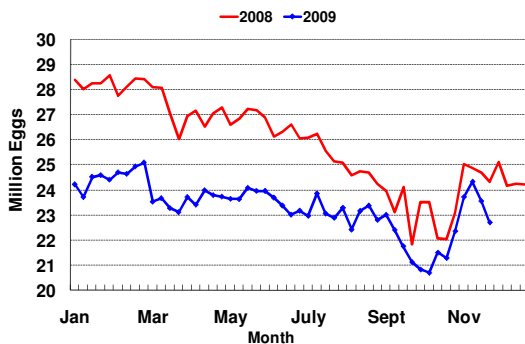
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

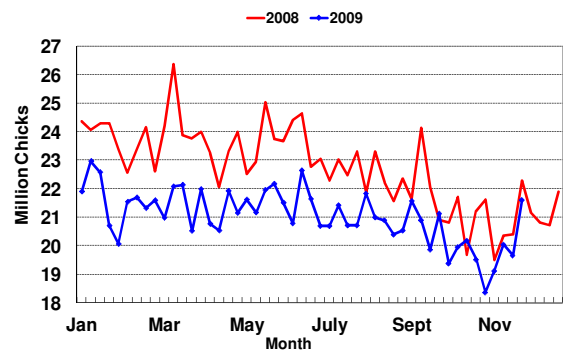
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.6 million during the week ending December 5, 2009. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 10 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 22.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 5, 2009, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 7, 2009 - December 5, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	25,459	29,291 *	28,421	28,513	29,465	19,411	19,861	18,285 *	18,213 *	21,030
Arkansas	22,363	23,727 *	24,334	23,561	22,712	18,362	19,118	20,045	19,658	21,603
Delaware	2,735	3,260	3,781	3,366	3,297	4,940	4,142	3,924	4,871	4,961
Florida	1,328	1,096	1,329	1,329	1,329	830	920	1,021	1,017	821
Georgia	28,934	30,152 *	30,497	31,283 *	31,043	23,552	25,074	22,950	24,256	25,052
Kentucky	7,058	7,726 *	7,843	8,034	8,047	5,367	5,268	6,113	6,425 *	6,290
Louisiana	3,107	3,409	3,440	3,304	3,424	2,927	2,795	2,594	2,687	2,969
Maryland	9,186	8,371	8,711	8,698	8,922	5,394	5,260	5,927	5,870	5,385
Mississippi	18,098	18,464	18,024	18,620	18,271	15,070	14,413	13,563	15,374	15,785
N. Carolina	18,411	18,787 *	19,020	18,887	18,204	15,100	14,593	14,690	15,281	15,379
Oklahoma	7,038	7,399 *	7,244 *	7,138 *	6,881	4,645	4,588 *	3,587 *	5,392 *	4,322
Pennsylvania	3,501	3,999	3,830 *	3,857 *	3,738	2,767	2,824	2,951 *	2,833 *	3,160
S. Carolina	5,390	6,080	5,375	5,613	5,685	4,256	4,871	4,441	4,726	5,199
Texas	15,203 *	15,380 *	15,681 *	15,255 *	15,302	11,763 *	12,836 *	12,188 *	13,330 *	13,414
Virginia	5,665	6,265	6,222	6,201	6,193	4,454	4,775	4,856	4,173	4,973
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,146	18,147	18,288 *	17,221 *	17,696	15,146	14,907	14,034 *	14,274 *	15,932
19 State Total	190,622 *	201,553 *	202,040 *	200,880 *	200,209	153,984 *	156,245 *	151,169 *	158,380 *	166,275
Prev. Year Total	193,091	202,149	203,681	204,719	200,741	155,285	156,111	152,410	159,463	166,189
% of Prev. Year	99	100	99	98	100	99	100	99	99	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 5, 2009. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 5, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 5, 2009 were 8.12 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.